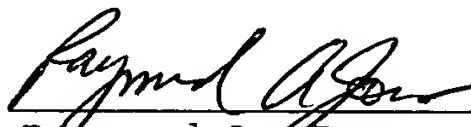




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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is a Response to Office Action in response to the Office Action, mailed September 21, 2005, wherein the Examiner required corrected drawings for Figures 1, 2, 3A, 3B, and 3C, and further wherein the Examiner rejected Claims 61-80 for formal reasons.

Based on the following submissions and Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.